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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was steady to weak. Demand very light and seasonal. Supplies fully adequate for the limited inquiry. Suppliers that are trying to clean up inventories entertaining sharply lower prices. Bulk parts and meat demand and trading slowing.



### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand was light to moderate with interest noted from Asia, Mexico and Eastern Europe. Trading centered on heavy volume of frozen thigh meat, a moderate volume of tom 2-joint wings, balance light.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **DECEMBER 17, 2002**

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	65-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	65-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	65-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	58.5-62	58.5	58.50	29	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	59-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	65-69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	65-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	58-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	59-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 17 DECEMBER 2002.

The undertone on bulk parts ranged from at least steady on hen full-cut and 2-joint wings to barely steady at best on the balance of items. Bulk parts demand ranged from light to instances fair, best on hen 2-joint wings for domestic shipments. Tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloin offerings continued to exceed the limited buyer inquiry for shipments during the holidays.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	98.17	240
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		F	149.00	200
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	88.00	18
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	19.00-21.00		19.22	45
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	20.00		20.00	8
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	19.00		19.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	22.00-23.00		22.55	11
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	21.00		21.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	22.00		22.00	5
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	53.00-54.00		53.50	18
NECKS, TOM	13.00		13.00	30
NECKS, HEN		R	13.00	14
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		M	125.00	12
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		F	151.62	78
THIGH MEAT		M	54.15	27
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	58.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	87.00	10
SCAPULA MEAT		F	69.73	220
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	101.67	120
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		R	135.80	200
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	49.50	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	16.00		16.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	17.00		17.00	160
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	19.36	440
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	18.00	104
TAILS		W	18.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	15.00	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		M	53.00	280

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins. 4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,  
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	RANGE
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	99-107
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	99-107
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	73
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	66
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	68-73

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY  
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	119-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	119-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	105-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	105-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	105-129

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The trade sentiment on white meat was steady to weak. Offerings readily available with sellers noting only isolated buyer interest for prompt shipments. Some interest was noted on contracts for 2003. Domestic trading centered on a moderate volume of fresh mechanically separated turkey, balance slow. Export demand ranged light to fair. Inquiry was noted from Asia for both before and after Chinese New Year shipments and Eastern Europe. Demand from Mexico was light with some buyers cautious on 2003 purchases due to uncertainty about how NAFTA will be implemented. Trading centered on a heavy volume of frozen thigh meat, a moderate volume of tom 2-joint wings, balance light.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	132.00		132.00	3
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	88.00	18
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		T	19.22	45
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		T	20.00	8
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		T	19.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		T	22.55	11
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	21.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	22.00	5
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		T	53.50	18
NECKS, TOM		T	13.00	30
NECKS, HEN		R	13.00	14
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		M	125.00	12
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WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	49.50	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	16.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	15.25-17.00		16.02	520

#### EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	19.00-20.00		19.33	240
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	17.00		17.00	520
TAILS	17.00		17.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	15.50		15.50	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	44.50		44.50	780

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#### BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 12/17/02

SEASON	ACCUMULATED		
	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	BREEDS
2002-2003	1,638	197,851	198,151
2001-2002	16,005	210,586	210,886